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OUR LOCAL AFFAIRS.

MR. BERRY'S SCHOOL BILL.

ers- Why Richmond Senators Oppose the dren of any tax-payer and citizen of Virginia to attend the public free

schools in any city or county seems to have excited considerable interest.

A beautiful basket of flowers was placed on Mr. Berry's desk yesterday morning, to which was attached a card with the following inscription: "Palmam qui meruit, ferat. To Senator Berry, with the compliments of the citizens of Henrico county interested in the welfare of the public schools."

Senators Lovenstein and Ellyson re-ceived the following telegram from J. L. Thompson, chairman of the School Board of the city of Lynchburg: "Our School Board regards the non-resident pupil school bill discussed in the Sen-ate yesterday as unconstitutional and

ate yesterday as unconstitutional and unfair. Hope you will defeat it."

This bill proposed to allow the children in any county or city to attend the public schools in any other city or county. It was opposed by Senators Ellyson and Lovenstein because the effect of it would be very injurious to the Richmond public schools, as it would allow the citizens of Manchester. would allow the citizens of Manchester, Chesterfield, Hanover, or any other county, to send their children to the Richmond schools without paying one dollar towards their support.

Richmond last year contributed in

State and city taxes more than \$100.000 to the support of the public schools. Richmond paid into the State Treasury for the support of the public schools \$20,000 more than she received from the State, which went to the support of the public schools in other cities and counties. The city has besides this invested not less than \$150,000 in public school property, and with all these liberal expenditures many of the children of our own citizens are unable to get accommodations in the schools. Under Mr. Berry's bill many of the children whose parents pay city taxes would be excluded from the schools to make room for the children from other parts of the State, whose parents pay

nothing into the city treasury. Under this same bill persons residing in Charles City, Hanover, or Goochland counties could send their children to the schools in Henrico. This was so manifestly unjust to their constituents that the Richmond senators felt constrained to oppose it. They further believed that the effect of the passage of Mr. Berry's bill would be to compel the cities and counties which have made ample provision for their public schools to educate the children in those counties which have failed or may refuse to do so; the whole tendency of which would be to impair the efficiency of our public schools, for no city or county would be willing to make appropriations out of its treasury for the education of children in other cities and counties, and without such appropriations

our schools could not prosper. Senator Diggs, of Lynchburg, united with the senators from Richmond in earnestly opposing Mr. Berry's bill.

THE REVISERS OF THE CODE.

The revisers of the Code-Messes E. C. Burks, John W. Riely, and Waller R. Staples-have thus far considered and disposed of the statutes, with few exceptions, relating to the following subjects: Marriage, divorce, and dower; will judge of them by their present rights of married women; limited part- work as an organization and not by nerships; warrants, entries, and surveys; grants from the State, escheats and forfeitures, escheated and forfeited lands, processioning lands; creation and limitation of estates; forms of deeds and covenants; fraudulent gifts and conveyances; liens of mechanics and others; notaries and commissioners: record of deeds and other writings: wills, descents, and distributions of estates; partitions; masters and apprentices; guardians and wards; lands of persons under disability; transferring effects out of the State; personal representatives; sale of real estate of decedents and application of assets; fiduciaries generally; waste; unlawful entry and detainer; ejectment; allowance for improvements: rents, emblements, and apportionment; money and interest; scaling war contracts; illegal contracts: written evidence and scrolls: contracts in writing : partners, factors, and agents, and the action of account; sureties and carriers; actions for injuries; limitation of suits; warrants for small claims: attachments: bail: interpleader; awards; writs of mannus, prohibition, quo warranto, and habeas corpus; county and corporation courts, circuit courts, court of appeals,

general provisions as to courts, juries in civil cases; clerks of courts; attorneys at law generally ; Attorney-General and reporters of the Court of Appeals; proceedings in civil cases; notices, motions, and actions; rules and pleadings; payment and set-off; change of parties; commissioners in chancery; evidence generally; trial; recoveries of money, judgments, and decrees; injunctions; bills of review and appointment of receivers : loss of records and papers; appeals, writs of error and upersedeas; general provisions as to civil cases : fees of sheriffs, sergeants, constables, clerks, and other officers; costs generally; homestead, poor debtor's law, and other exemptions

SMALL-POX HOSPITAL.

tion; and forthcoming bonds.

executions and writs; means of reco-

vering money otherwise than by execu-

homestead, poor-

A Bill on this Subject Now Before the House In the House of Delegates yesterday Mr. Waddill moved to take up, out o its order, and immediately put on its passage, his engrossed bill "to amend and re-enact section 6 of chapter 84 of the Code in relation to public health." Mr. Stuart opposed the motion on the ground that the House can better facilitate action on pending measures by sticking to the calendar. The House refused to take up the bill out of its

Mr. Waddill's bill is as follows, and the new matter in it is the proviso folend of section 6:

1. Be it enacted by the General As sembly of Virginia, That section 6 of chapter 84 of the Code of Virginia, edition of 1873, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

court of any county may establish in court of any county may establish in such county, or in or near such town, hospitals, which shall be subject to regulations, not contrary to law, made by such council or court: provided, however, that the council of any city or town desiring to locate such hospital outside of the limits of their corporation must first obtain the consent of the county court and of the board of supervisors of the county in which they prepose to locate, as to the site to be selected for the hospital; and any person whose property is injured by the location of such hospital shall be paid by the council of the town or the board of supervisors of the county so locating the said hospital the amount of damages done to their property, and in the event of the failure of such council or board of supervisors to make such payment, or of their failure to agree upon the amount of damages done, then it shall be lawful for any person whose property is so damaged by the location of such hospital to recover from the county, city, or town so locating said hospital, the damages done to their property, said damages to be recovered by proper action in the Circuit Court of the county in which said hospital is located.

2. All acts and part of acts incon sistent with this act are hereby repealed.

3. This act shall be in force from its

The Opera at the Theatre Last Night Martha was presented at the Theatre last evening by what is styled the "Strakosch Grand English Opera Company," and, judging by the apprecia-tion of the large audience present, their rendition of this popular work was pleasing throughout. The cast was as follows: Lady Henriette, Miss Kate Bensberg; Nancy, Miss Matilde Phillips; Lionell, Mr. George Ap-pleby; Plunket, Mr. George Fox; Tristan, Mr. W. B. Knight; Sheriff,

Mr. Alden.
Miss Phillips and Mr. Appleby are well known to Richmond theatre-goers, while Miss Bensberg and Miss Phillips are the only members of the cast who come from the American Opera Company of Theodore Thomas, now play-

ing at the Academy in New York.

Miss Bensberg has a very sweet,
well-cultivated, and pure soprano; and while she appeared by her work last evening to be new to the business, she gave an acceptable impersonation in the title-rôle. Miss Phillips, a powerful contralto and an excellent lyric artist, seemed to be suffering from a

Mr. Fox's "Plunket" was not marked by any decided dramatic action, but it was altogether pleasing. He is a painstaking and sweet baritone singer. Mr. Appleby did the principal work of the evening, and he and Miss Bensberger were the recipients of several decided encores. Mr. Knight's "Sir cided encores. Mr. Knight's "Sir Tristan" and Mr. Alden's "Sheriff" were acceptable impersonations. The quartette as cast last evening, while it ossesses decided ability, was not well balanced, the contralto being not only too strong for the soprano, but for the

The company comes to this city with very unfaverable recent press comment, and, judging from our estimate of last night's performance, we should say that the management made a mistak in heralding them as they did—as a grand opera company from the Acadedirection of the veteran and well-known operatic manager, Mr. Max While the company has some decided excellencies, promise, the public have been led in advance to place too high an estimate They were unprepared to nd, as a matter of fact, a company astily drawn together and absolutely sufficiently drilled. The name of Mr. trakosch was a guarantee for somehing better. And while the company 4 doing remarkably well, all things onsidered, and gives much promise in the near future, the public must and

their individual excellence. The chorus is rather unattractive, and though large, is ineffective from want in the work, and in one or more numbers omitted the words entirely. The orchestra is full, well-selected, and ably directed. In fact, as we said above, the company from what we have seen gives promise of excellent work.

To-night Trovatore, with Miss Annis Montague, will be given. Miss Montague, it will be remembered, sang with Miss Kellogg here, and was greatly admired for her unquestionably fine lyric

The Committee on Water met last night, and had before them the bills losing the fiscal year which ended December 31, 1885, which they approved. They also considered the recommenda-tion of the Superintendent of the Water-Works as to improvements for the en-

suing year.
The Committee on the Second Market also met last night, and, on motion of Captain Sol. Cutchins, the City En gineer was instructed to complete his plans and specifications for the erection of a new meat-market on the site of the present meat-market, and submit the same to the committee at his ear-liest convenience. The clerk was directed to make this communication to the City Engineer. For this building \$21,000 was some time ago appropriated.

After this new building is erected, a nove will in all probability soon follow for the erection of a new vegetable market.

Senators Keezell and Gee and Dele-

gates O'Bannon, Bolen, Curlett, and Mallory of the committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the Williamsburg Asylum went down to Williams burg yesterday morning and returned last night. They made a thorough ex-amination of the asylum buildings, and decided to return to Williamsburg next Tuesday, at which time they will proceed with the examination of witnesses The committee gave notice that they would be ready next Tuesday to hear the evidence of any person or persons desiring to testify in the case. If the committee does not examine all the witnesses Tuesday they will adjourn to Richmond, where the examination will be conducted to a finality.

Woolen-Mills Property Sold. The property of the Richmond Virginia Woolen-Mills Company was sold by Mr. George W. Mayo yesterday by public auction to Mr. R. W. Powers for \$15,000. The original cost of the property was \$58,500. The plant is situated in Henrico county, just northwest of the city limits, at the intersection of Oak and Bacon streets, and in addition to the building and two and one sixth acres of land were all the fixa deed of trust recorded in the Henrico County Court, and at the request of the holders of all the bonds and coupons secured by said deed, and by the company itself.

At a regular meeting of Star of Hope Lodge, No. 533. of Good Templars, of Manchester, the fellowing officers were elected for the ensuing term: J. R. Tillery, W. C. T.; Miss Hattie Wells, W. Y. T. Frank Fireward W. S.

W. E. Powell, W. F. S.; Mrs. Annie Besttie, W. T.; J. H. Foster, W. C.; D. D. Besttie, W. M.; Emmit Adams, W. G.; E. L. Preddie, W. S.; R. C. Traylor, P. W. C. T.; Mrs. M. P. Jewett, R. S.; Mrs. L. J. Traylor, L. S.; Miss Bertie Campbell, A. S.; Miss Cassie Foster, A. M.

Briefs and Personals.

The river is quite muddy and a little above the usual tide. The Manchester Hustings Court has

adjourned for the term. Attorney-General Ayers returned from Norfolk yesterday.

Mr. R. C. Tinsley, of Gloucester Courthouse, was in the city yesterday. Colonel W. T. Birdsall, of New York, who has just returned from a business

trip to Mexico, is in the city. Judge Holladay, of the Chancery Court, will hereafter hold his court at 11 o'clock A. M. instead of 10.

Mr. William E. Ottie, of Norfolk, late of the firm of Page & Ottie, of this city, is stopping at the American.

Miss Cary Tompkins, of Albemarle county, is the guest of her uncle, Mr. W. D. Tompkins, No. 2 east Cary street. Mr. Patton yesterday introduced a

bill in the House of Delegates proposing to reduce the tax upon theatrical and like performances. It was referred to The State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association will be

be composed of delegates from each Association in the State. James North, William Kearns, and Frank Smith, tramps, charged with vagrancy, were arrested and furnished accommodations in the Third police sta-

held in Norfolk February 21st. It will

tion-house last night. Mr. W. H. Hale, of Rocky Mount, Franklin county, has been appointed by the Governor as a knight to represent Virginia at the inter-State tournament which will be held at New Or-leans February 13, 1886.

In the Chancery Court yesterday Mr. William Ellyson qualified as receiver of the Gallego-Mills Manufacturing Company and gave bond in the sum of \$10,000. His securities are Messrs. II. K. Ellyson and Thomas N. Jones.

Messrs. Cope & Stewardson, of Philadelphia, architects of the Young Men's Christian Association building to be erected at the corner of Sixth and Main streets, have forwarded detailed drawings and specifications, which have been received here. Bids for the building will be invited in a few days. There is a law against the sale of

oleomargerine and like compounds as

butter, but it is not enforced. It is a dead letter. Mr. Dunlop yesterday introduced in the House a bill to provide or an inspector here, whose duty it shall be to expose these frauds and cause the offending parties to be pun-The young ladies of Grace Episcopal church will give an attractive enter-tainment at Sanger Hall to-night. Mrs. peal to Carsar. The sovereign people must now decide the matter. All we Knowles, Mrs. Shelburn, Miss Alice

Jackson, Messrs. Cunningham, Grant, Hill, and Norment will sing, and there will be an exhibition of American and European scenes, statuary, &c., with calcium lights.

Her Photograph Captivated Him A Washington letter to the Dispatch

contains the following:

A good story, for which my informant vouches, is that a wealthy been travelling in the United States for for Europe this week, but was so captivated in this city by the face of a pretty girl which graces a Richmond cigarette advertisement that he has gone to Richmond to see her for himself. His name begins with an "L," and

Mr. Pace's Railroad Investment. Relative to the court proceedings concerning the railroad property in which Mr. Pace and others of our citizens are interested, the following was received

MEMPHIS, TENN., Jan. 28, 1886. E. D. Christian :

Baxter refused receiver upon their own statement without even hearing from us. W. W. GORDON.

This, it is said, is a substantial victory for Mr. Pace.

Circuit-Court Jury.

The following gentlemen have been term of the City Circuit Court, which begins next Monday: George J. Snyder, A. C. Houston, John M. Burfoot. Bernard Chalkley, T. P. Mayo, Daniel Henderson (colored), H. F. W. Southern, James M. Turner, William H. l'albott, Julian F. Green, John C. Tatum, E. W. Franck, John T. Lumpkin, William Turner (colored), Charles A Spence, and Henry Holzhauer.

Enights of Labor Lecture Last Night Miss C. Fannie Allyn, who come here from Cincinnati, delivered an en tertaining lecture at Old-Market Hall last night in the interest of the Knights of Labor. The speaker was introduced by Mr. William H. Mullen, and the evening's programme was enlivened by several solos by Captain Frank Cun-ningham and selections by Mr. M. B. Ramos on the organ. The hall was

The Old Dominion steamed up early yesterday morning, ready to battle with the ice-gorge, and succeeded in getting through, with but little difficulty, about 9 o'clock, followed a half-hour later by the Roanoke. The Manhattan is expected this morning.

hour for leaving. Concert To-Night. A grand concert will be given at Smith's Central Hall, Fifth street be-

and will sail at 2 P. M., the regular

tween Broad and Marshall, to-night for the benefit of the Girls' Sewing Society of Beechenbrook Chapel. Frayser's administrator against Richmond and Alleghany Railroad Company and als. From Circuit Court of Richmond city. Reversed, Judge Lewis

delivering the opinion.

Cheatham against Cheatham's executor. From the Circuit Court of Lunenburg county. Affirmed, Judge Lacy Banks against the Commonwealth. From the Corporation Court of the city of Winchester. Affirmed, Judge Rich-

Hinton dissenting.

The cases of Coffee against Black and Gordon against Richmond, Fredericks-burg and Potomac Railroad Company were put upon the privileged docket. Gardner against Cowardin. Dis-missed for failure to print. Bayley against Gaines and ets. Ap-peal and supersectes awarded to a decree pronounced by the Circuit Court

of Fauquier county on the 24th of De-cember, 1885.

Cautieri against Marye, Auditor.
From the Circuit Court of Richmond.
Writ of error refused.
Chatham's executor against Chest-Cheatham's executor against Cheat-ham and als. From the Circuit Court

nam and als. From the Circuit Court
of Lunenburg county. Reversed, Judge
Lacy delivering the opinion.
Robertson against Watts, and Robertson against Tapscott's administrator
and als. Argued by Captain Bumgardner for the appellants and by Colonel L. S. Marye, and submitted.
Farinholt against Lukhard and Jones
against Turner were submitted.—Nos.

against Turner were submitted-Nos. 37 and 38 on regular docket. Farley's administrator against Rich-

ond and Danville Railroad Company, on regular docket, was called and passed. Baldwin against Baldwin's executor will be heard to-day (Friday).

The following cases were disposed of vesterday: R. B. Hicksck, drunk. Fined \$2 and costs.

J. L. Crawler, disorderly and resist-ing the police in the discharge of their duty. Fined \$10 and costs. Charles Joes, stealing \$3.50 from E. A. Hoss, Security required for twelve months in default of which he was sent to jai.

John Moore, vagrant and suspicious character. Security required for three months, in default of which the acused was sent to jail. James Nortan and John Hanrigan,

vagrants. Ordered to leave town in twenty-four hours. Lawson Richardson, assaulting Washington Hubbard and striking him with a pitchfork. Discharged. John Burroughs, drunk. Fined \$2

and costs. Johnson Roberts, charged with having n his possession a bridle and pair of reins, the property of some person unknown. Case continued until to-day.

J. C. Cook, drunk. Discharged. Joseph R. Sands was sent on to the grand jury for perjury. The charge is that in the case of Laniel Murphy, who was fined \$10 in the Police Court several days ago for keeping his bar-room open on Sunday, Sands, who was acting as bar-keeper for Murphy, denied having sold liquer on Sunlay, while several people swore that they bought it from

Local Option.

To the Editor of the Dispatch : No bill has been yet introduced before the Legislature of graver importance to the country than the "local-option" bill now pending. The friends of temperance are earnestly, seriously, and painfully watching the action of the General Assembly of Virginia on this bill. If this bill is not passed, the time will have come in the pelitical history of the State when the friends of tem perance will say to the politicians: "We asked of you the privilege of withdrawing from the arena of politics the question of local option by giving us a special election. You have refused to do so. We intend now to apmust now decide the matter. All we have asked, and all we are working for, is in the interest of good order and good morals. Whoever is opposed to these

crat, or Republican." of this question. The friends of temsee that even the pulpit is not safe from its insidious approaches; and that it strikes at one of the foundation principles of Christian life. Society is cursed by its baleful effects. Its brightest and most talented members are drawn into this horrible vortex and their usefulness destroyed. It destroys the very object and purpose for which society exists, and that is to afford every member the opportunity of developing all that is good, great, and useful in his nature, that he may receive honor and

society profit thereby. In every political election, to insure success, it is made necessary to subsidize every grog-hop and bar-room in the district and to turn loose their accursed streams upon society, debauching, corrupting, and demoralizing the people; and our politicians are thereby made to preach morality and patriotism and at the same time to practice immorality and to curse the people. What will the Legislature do in this matter? Let us wait and see.

FRIEND OF HIS COUNTRY.

Constitutionality of Local Option.

To the Editor of the Dis patch ; From your report of yesterday's discussion in the House of Delegates on the local-option bill it appears that some doubt was expressed as to the constitutionality of the measure. Perhaps it may be timely to say that this question has been adjudicated by the courts. The Court of Appeals in Maryland has passed upon the local-option laws of that State. The decision was that these laws are valid; and the fact that their operation was made dependent on the result of a popular vote was not a delegation of legislative power to the people. (42d Md., page 72.) The same principle was settled by the Virginia Court of Appeals some years ago. The question was raised before them whether the Legislature could pass an act establishing a free school in a particular district, and then enact that it should take effect only when approved by the people. The judges all con-curred in the opinion that the act was valid and constitutional. (13th Grattan, page 91.) So that in Virginia the prin-ciple underlying prohibition by local option has already received the endorsement of her highest tribunal.

Dinwiddie Delinquent Lands. DINWIDDIE COUNTY, Jan. 26, '86.

To the Editor of the Dispatch : Will you allow us, ladies of Dinwid die county, who are claimed delinquent

in back taxes, to occupy a small space in your columns?
Should these back taxes that w knew nothing of be claimed the result will surely be hundreds of homeless widows and orphans. These taxes are so remote, before responsibility rested upon us, that we do not feel responsible for them. We have struggled to keep our homes for our orphan children. Shall they new be sold? for we cannot redeem them. No. We trust that our redeem them. No. We trust that our noble Legislature will see that every widow will be released. In many instances our country took our husbands.
Will our State now take our homes?
We trust that the magnanimous spirit
shown by General Grant at the close of

NORTH CAROLINA.

ATTACKED BY FOUR MEN.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.) RALEIGH, N. C., January 28.—At Plymouth Major J. B. Martin, of Bertie county, formerly a citizen of Raleigh, was seriously, if not fatally, injured. He is a lawyer, and had had some law business with Bunch Brothers (four in number), who were merchants in Plymouth. As Martin was passing down the gang-plank of a steamer with a lady one of the brothers stepped up to him and, touching his hat out of respect to the lady, said to Martin he would like to speak privately to him. They went around the corner of a warehouse, whereupon Martin was

immediately hit with a stick. He drew a pistol, and as he fired one of the brothers struck him on the arm with a stick, which caused his arm to lower, and the ball made only a flesh wound in the side of one of the brothers. Martin was then knocked down and badly beaten. The back part of his skull was fractured. When on the ground, and unconscious, one of the brothers, it is years, and that an adjustment and coralleged, put a pistol near his head and fired, but missed Martin. The four brothers were arrested, but released on bail. It was reported that Martin was danger.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of held last night, E. J. Parrish was can the Commonwealth demand these elected chairman, and George Woodward secretary. Several clergymen which she obtains the information upon spoke very encouragingly of the prospects for the success of the prohibition movement at Durham, Considerable interest was manifested in the matter.

The officials of the Western North Carolina road have just made arrangements with the officials of the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia road whereby solid trains are to be run from Salisbury to Morristown, making close connection for Knoxville, Chattanooga, and all points reached via Chattanooga.

Frank Hinton and Mattie Knight both colored) were before Mayor Dodd this morning charged with passing ing he did not have jurisdiction, turned them over to A. W. Shaffer, United States commissioner. The latter heard the case this afternoon and sent both to jail.

lotte's most prominent citizens, died yesterday; aged sixty-four years. At the time of his death he was in New York for medical treatment. He was a prominent figure in railroad circles, be ing president of the Atlantic, Tennes, see and Ohio Company and director o the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta. Two prisoners made their escape from the jail at Graham, Alamance county, Tuesday night. They actually

avoid detection. They burned a hole in the door-sill and floor and also the door which enabled them to get out. White shad are making their appearher people that which they do not owe ance in eastern waters. Fishermen expect a good season.

kindled a fire under the door, having

hung blankets over the windows to

Lieutenant Winslow is prosecuting is an enemy to his country, and by us his researches among the oyster-beds of the sounds. It is an extensive work. It is well for the Legislature to re-cognize the magnitude and importance of this question. The friends of the neys will be examined, and Wednesday cases from the First judicial district will be called. So far only eight applicants

> Clerk Willis Bagley. The regular clerk, William H. Bagley, is now in a very critical condition. Arrangements are in progress for

for license are registered with Acting-

having spring races at Goldsboro'. While Captain Geobegan, of the steamer Conoho, was passing down Tar river, the limb of a tree broke off and fell upon the boat. A portion of the limb struck him, fracturing his skull. A dastardly attempt to murder an inoffensive peddler namel Katz, was made in Gates county. As he was passing along the public roads a concealed man fired at him with a shotgun. Many shots struck him. A man

named Blanchard is in jail charged with the shooting. Over a billion feet of pine timber in the northeastern part of the State is owned by seven lumbermen of Norfolk and Baltimore. They operate 120 miles

of logging railways.

Great quantities of corundum, mined in Macon county, are being shipped courts, knowing the waste of time and North. The output is now larger than

An interesting case is in progress at Asheville. It is that of the State against John Rich, sheriff of Buncombe, for permitting the notorious murderers, Ray and Anderson, to escape from Asheville jail last July. Their escape made a great sensation in the State as the time, and many attacks were made upon the sheriff for alleged negligence. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction has instituted suits against five treasurers of counties for disobedience of the law in failing to make returns to him immediately after December 1st last of the amount of receipts and disbursement of the school fund. The law is strict and suits will serve a good purpose.

Delinquent Lands, &c. To the Editor of the Dispatch:

On the 15th of April, 1884, I wrote

to the Auditor of Public Accounts to

ascertain if any taxes were delinquent

on a tract of land (describing the same) which I had sold as special commissioner of the court. On the 24th of April I received a reply stating that taxes for the years 1872 and 1879 were delinquent, and a statement of same, with interest and charges. This statement then paid. Some time thereafter I wrote to a gentleman residing at Richmond, who was interested in the proceeds of this land, and requested him to get an accurate statement of the taxes delinment on the same. He enclosed me one, prepared by Mr. Smith, and assured me it was correct, as Mr. Smith was an experienced and accurate officer. The amount claimed by the State thought larger than the one rendered in April, and I determined to make an effort to have the receipts searched for. The owners of the land had long been dead, and their papers passed into other was arrested. I again held off, and, after matters at the Auditor's office had become settled, wrote for a third statement, making no allusion to having already obtained two. When the third came it was different from both the others, and each different from the other. I wrote to a gentleman who had access to the papers of the dead party, and urged him to look for these tax-bills, giving him a statement of each, with the year and amount claimed by the State. By this time the claim was for five years. At the cost of trouble and delay the following receipts were found:

One, for "1879, signed by C. T. Smith, others, and each different from the other.

and 1871, a receipt dated the 2d day of December, 1873, signed by Samuei A. Swan, treasurer. "It being the amount of redemption-money for lands mentioned in the above memorandum," I wrote to Colonel Marye and stated the facts of sent the tax-receipts of Swan and dier Shot-An Interesting Case-Court Matfacts sent the tax-receipts of Swan and and Smith to the State Bank, with an order for the amount of the tax for one year (for which the receipt was not found), and asked his inspection of the same and solicited a settlement thereof.

the then treasurer." For 1867, 1870,

It will be observed that the first statement claimed taxes delinquent for two years; the second for a larger period, and the third for five years. Of the five years four had been paid and the receipts produced, and of the four years three were for " redemption-

It took months to be relieved of an un-

just demand made by the Comraon-

money."

I conclude from the above and other facts that the condition of the Auditor's and Treasurer's offices, with no fault of the gentlemen who fill them, is such that it is impossible to ascertain the amount of or to locate the taxes that are delinquent. That derangement and rection of the same should be made before the State makes a demand on any citizen for delinquent taxes. The records in the State offices show on their face errors, if not frauds. One who for many years made these records is now charged with fraud in his acts touching temperance advocates of Durham was | the same. With what show of justice which her demand is made is tainted

with fraud and full of errors.

Again: These demands have time and again been confronted with tax receipts, and the cry comes up from all over the State of honest and prompt citizens declaring, "They have always paid their taxes and their lands have been posted delinquent and for sale. Is not this an outrage upon the rights of citizenship? Is it not a subversion of the prime object of this Government? So far from protecting its citizens in their right to acquire and peaceably hold property, she seeks by force, in counterfeit money. The Mayor, find- the name of law, to take from her peo ple property already acquired.

All taxes due the State by those now living, or by those who are dead, and whose property is now held by in-heritance or by devise of the deceased, should be paid. Purchases for value, without notice, have had no means o ascertaining the existence of these taxliens. An inquiry at the Auditor's office (not at county clerk's office) would not afford correct information, because this and all the offices relating to State taxes are in disorder. For the State, then, to undertake to

demand payment of taxes before accurately ascertaining whether or not they are due is wrong, and will cause endless amount of labor, anxiety, and worry to her honest citizens who do Poor will be the reward to industry and virtue when the State forces from

Let us in confidence hope Virginia will not so act. Better pause for years and correct errors and mistakes.
John Washington, Caroline county, Va.

January 26, 1886. Hard Questions as to Taxes, &c. To the Editor of the Dispatch : Will you please answer the following

half an hour, failed to agree, and wer tised for taxes due by the party of whom I purchased, can I recover of said party the amount I pay? If I can prove that the party of whom I purchased always had enough on the land to pay the taxes, can I re-

cover of the county treasurer? Is the county treasurer liable to any penalty on account of his neglect in the collection of taxes?

If my lawyer has told me that the title I purchased was good, can I re-

cover damage of him? If a tract of land has been divided and sold in lots—some to white men and some to negroes—and it is sold for taxes due by the party of whom they purchased, and I buy at the tax sale enough of it to take one of the lots for the taxes on all, can I take choice of the lots?

Cannot the Legislature devise a better way than going into the county courts for relief? Many men dread the the cost of clerks' and lawyers' fees, and will suffer wrong rather than go to law for their acknowledged rights.

Would it not be better to appoint a good man to collect these back taxes. and defer the sale a vear or more? Had not the Legislature better ad journ for two weeks and go home and Porous Plasters. Each genuine plaster learn the will of the people before they do any harm? Nine tenths of the people did not know, or forgot all about the

COLUMBUS, January 28 .- The Ohio

planks in our platform.

Senate troubles remain unsettled, with the opinion equally divided as to whether any compromise measure will be agreed on. The joint Senate met at 10 o'clock A. M. and adjourned pending a conference between the joint committee which had been appointed by the caucus of the respective sides with a view to learn if some plan could not be agreed upon. The committee was in session all day but held no evening session. The proceedings were secret and the men have no information to give out, with the exception that they have agreed on nothing definitely. The pro-gress they have made will be reported to the Democratic caucus to-morrow morning, and was reported to the Republican caucus to-night. The members of the committee felt that they had gone as far as they could in the conference without first consulting the caucuses for support in their meve-ments. The conference committee will meet again to-morrow morning and continue their work. The Senate will meet at 10 A. M., and it is the expectation that an adjournment of the Senate will be taken to Monday to give the committee plenty of time. In the mean time the representative sides are preparing their programmes of procedure in case a compromise is not reached.

turned out every day, and a fuss being made about those, it is not singular that the faithful who still shiver on the outside should grown at the outside should growl at the progress of

(Philadelphia Times.)
With only four or five rascals be

THE ARMSTRONG TRIAL.

THE QUIBBLING OF COUNSEL.

cuted will be Thoroughly Vindles

ATLANTA, GA., January 28.—The one absorbing theme of conversation in the city is the Armstrong trial. The entire day has been taken up by the quibbling of counsel over the admission of certain ellected described. of certain alloged damaging testimony, which it is understood consists of affidavits from the proprietor of the hotel in Cincinnati where Dr. Armstrong re-gistered, and of a hackman who dreve him about in search of Lillie Shaw. Hon. Frank H. Miller, of Augusta,

was selected by the court as referee to settle all disputed points of law, and the choice gives general satisfaction. Under the ruling of this referee much evidence that the defence has labored to have excluded will be admitted. It is the general impression in the city to-night, after conversation with different persons who are in a position to be well informed as to the feelings of the court, that Dr. Armstrong's character will be fully vindicated, and that the court will prefer to believe the solemn protestations of the clergyman in preference to statements made by irresponsible parties and by women of ill-repute.

LYNCHBURG.

The Railroad-Commission Bill-A Strong Pro

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, VA., January 28 .-The Chamber of Commerce to-night adopted an address to the farmers, mer-chants, and manufacturers of Virginia, urging united action in influencing the General Assembly to pass the Munford railroad-commissioner's bill with the thirteenth section retained.

The same body adopted resolutions strongly opposing the bill introduced in the State Senate providing for the education of non-resident pupils in the public schools of cities and towns. The resolutions pronounce the proposed legislation as unjust, onerous, and an outrage on the tax-payers of Lynchburg, and urge upon Senator Diggs to use his best endeavors to retain the present law.

Small Fire at Hampden Sidney.

HAMPDEN SIDNEY, Jan. 28, '86. The people of this village were arroused from their usual condition of quietude last night at about 11 o'clock by the alarm of fire sounded by the college and seminary bells, and by the cry of citizens and students. The fire proved to be the smoke-house of Mrs. Dr. John Bocock, which was destroyed, with its contents. No further damage was done. The fire created so large and bright a light that the citizens of Worsham, a mile and a half distant, thought, or rather feared, it was the seminary building. Thanks to the tel-ephone, however, the fear was allayed in a few moments by a true statement as to the whereabouts of the fire.

The weather here is miserable and the roads are in bad condition. hope for a change soon.

The Petersburg Morder-Trial. (Special telegram to the Dispatch.) PETERSBURG, VA., January 28 .-The evidence in the murder-trial was closed at 6 o'clock. Instructions were asked for by both sides and argued. The case was given to the jury at 11:15 P. M. o'clock, who, after an absence of

until to-morrow morning. bacco at Shockoe Warehouse

LOUISA AND HANOVER COUNTIES J. W. Walton, a thrifty and enterprising farmer and merchantof Louisa, 2,040 pounds at \$12.25 per hundred pounds; Charles Gardner, as indus-trious, hard-working colored man of Hanover, 680 pounds lugs at \$8.25 ; 565 pounds leaf at \$12 per hundred

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